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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Illinois State Representative Don Moffitt for his unwavering support and years of dedication to the Illinois fire service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education and Economics from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, After serving as Knox County Treasurer, Knox County Board Chairman, and Mayor and Alderman of Oneida, Representative Moffitt was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Representative Moffitt was appointed Co-Chair of the Illinois House of Representatives Fire Protection Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt was the primary founder of the General Assembly's bipartisan Fire Caucus, made up of legislators who work with leaders of the fire service to promote, preserve, foster, and protect the pursuits of the fire service in Illinois; he has served as the Fire Caucus Co-Chair since its formation in 2004; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt's leadership and hard work
2 resulted in the passage of dozens of laws which he sponsored or
3 co-sponsored that are aimed at improving fire service delivery,
4 including the creation of the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program
5 and the Fire Service Small Equipment Grant Program, increasing
6 penalties for arsonists, requiring any cigarettes sold in
7 Illinois to be self-extinguishing, requiring fire sprinklers
8 in all dormitories and Greek housing, allowing fire departments
9 to receive tax free motor fuel for fire trucks, updating and
10 improving fair and equitable hiring and promotional processes
11 for career fire departments, allowing active military to
12 continue to apply for firefighter positions if they reach
13 maximum age, saving the Fire Prevention Fund from a \$20 million
14 fund raid, and reinstating and increasing funding for
15 firefighter training; and

16 WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2011, Representative Moffitt's
17 spirit of bipartisanship was exemplified when, as a member of
18 the minority party, he was appointed to serve as the Chairman
19 of the House Fire Protection Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt served as Co-Chair of the
21 EMS Task Force, which held nearly two years of hearings across
22 the State and took an in-depth look into the funding and
23 service delivery of the Emergency Medical System in Illinois;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt's strong commitment to
3 fire safety has earned him numerous awards, including
4 "Legislator of the Year" awards in 2002 from the Illinois
5 Association of Fire Protection Districts, in 2003 from both the
6 Illinois Firefighter's Association and the Illinois Fire
7 Chiefs Association, in 2004 from the Northern Illinois Alliance
8 of Fire Protection Districts, and in 2014 from both the
9 Emergency Medical Technicians Association and the EMS
10 Alliance; he most recently received a Lifetime Achievement
11 Award on behalf of the Northern Illinois Association of Fire
12 Protection Districts; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt's tireless devotion to the
14 fire service is a family affair, with his son Justin serving as
15 a firefighter with the Galesburg Fire Department and his wife
16 Carolyn patiently accompanying Don on endless trips across the
17 State to his early morning, evening, and weekend fire service
18 meetings; and

19 WHEREAS, Thanks to Representative Moffitt's nearly 25-year
20 legacy of improving public safety in Illinois, injuries will
21 continued to be prevented and lives will be saved for
22 generations to come; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 honor Illinois State Representative Don Moffitt for his
4 leadership of the Illinois Legislative Fire Caucus and thank
5 him for his work on behalf of the Illinois fire service; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Representative Moffitt as an expression of our
9 esteem and respect.